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Note by the President of the Security Council: work of the subsidiary organs of the Security Council

The President of the Security Council, building upon the measures set out in the notes by the President of the Security Council contained in documents S/2014/393 of 5 June 2014, S/2013/515 of 28 August 2013, S/2012/937 of 17 December 2012 and S/2010/507 of 26 July 2010, as well as the report of the Informal Working Group of the Security Council on General Issues of Sanctions contained in document S/2006/997 of 22 December 2006, wishes to state that all members of the Council are committed to implementing the following measures:

1. Improving the transparency of the subsidiary organs of the Security Council by, inter alia:

(a) Encouraging all Chairs to provide non-members of the Council with interactive briefings, as appropriate, and to consider any other opportunities for non-members to provide input to their work;

(b) Encouraging all Chairs to continue to brief the Council, including on relevant reports, in open meetings of the Council, as appropriate;

(c) Encouraging all Chairs, as appropriate, to provide an agreed brief summary of relevant meetings of the subsidiary organs of the Council to non-members of the Council, including through press releases;

(d) Requesting the Secretariat to announce all meetings and provisional agendas of the subsidiary organs of the Council to the public (in the *Journal of the United Nations* and on the websites of the subsidiary organs);

(e) Encouraging all Chairs to seek the views of affected or concerned Member States and to foster early and periodic engagement and dialogue between them and relevant sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels throughout the course of their mandate;

(f) Encouraging all Chairs to continue to travel periodically to regions applicable to their work to seek the views of and engage with affected or concerned States and explain and promote the objectives of the subsidiary organ's mandate;

(g) Encouraging the Secretariat to maintain the translation of all United Nations sanctions lists into all official languages of the United Nations;

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(h) Encouraging the Secretariat to continue to ensure that the information on the websites of the subsidiary organs of the Council is accurate and updated in all official languages of the United Nations, including the reports of sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels;

2. Improving the process of selection of Chairs by, inter alia:

(a) Undertaking an informal process with the participation of all Council members as regards appointing the Chairs of the subsidiary organs in a balanced, transparent, efficient and inclusive way;

(b) Encouraging the early appointment of Chairs of subsidiary bodies. To that end, members of the Council will start the informal process of consultations referred to in the note by the President of the Security Council of 17 December 2012 (S/2012/937) as early as possible after each election of members of the Council;

3. Improving the preparation of Chairs by, inter alia:

(a) Acknowledging the support given to incoming Chairs by the Secretariat, and requesting the Secretariat to consider further measures to provide incoming Chairs and their staffs with additional substantive and methodological briefings on the work of relevant subsidiary organs of the Council;

(b) Encouraging outgoing Chairs to provide to incoming Chairs written and oral briefings about the work done during the outgoing chairmanship;

(c) Encouraging early consultations between sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels and incoming Chairs;

4. Improving the interaction and coordination among the subsidiary organs of the Security Council and between the subsidiary organs and the Council as a whole by, inter alia:

(a) Encouraging all Chairs, including those chairing subsidiary organs with similar themes and geographical scope, to meet regularly to discuss common concerns, best practices and ways to improve mutual cooperation, and requesting the Secretariat to provide support for such meetings;

(b) Encouraging Council members to promote greater coordination between the Council as a whole and its subsidiary organs, when considering thematic or country-specific situations;

5. The members of the Council will continue their consideration of ways to improve the work of the subsidiary organs of the Security Council.